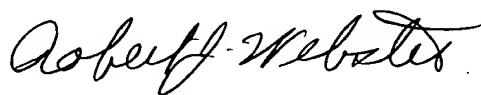


REMARKS

This Application is in a pending status. A Notice of Appeal was filed on January 13, 2003, which has kept this application in a pending status through March 13, 2003. Instead of filing a Brief on Appeal, Applicants are filing a Request for Continued Examination and this Amendment is being filed as the "submission" required by 37 CFR 1.114(c).

By this Amendment, claims 1-28 are canceled and claims 29-45 are added. No new matter is involved.

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